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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS APPELLATE DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

STANLEY STAFFORD, Plaintiff/Appellant,	D.C. CIV. APP. NO. 1998/155
V	Re: T.C. CIV. NO. 928/1993
HESS OIL VIRGIN ISLANDS CORPORATION, Defendant/Appellee.	

On Appeal from the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands

Considered: December 7, 2000 Filed: March 2, 2001

BEFORE:

RAYMOND L. FINCH, Chief Judge, District Court of the Virgin Islands; THOMAS K. MOORE, Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands; and RHYS S. HODGE, Judge of the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands, Sitting by Designation.

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ORDER OF THE COURT

PER CURIAM

AND NOW this 2 day of March 2001, having considered the arguments and submissions of the parties, and for the reasons set forth in the Court's accompanying opinion of even date, it is hereby

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ORDERED that the May 12, 1998 decision of the Territorial Court finding that Stafford's claim is preempted by § 301 of the LMRA is AFFIRMED.

DONE AND SO ORDERED this 2 day of March 2001.

A T T E S T: WILFREDO F. MORALES Clerk of the Court

____/s/_ By: Deputy Clerk

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